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SUBJECT: "RED BRIGADE", TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, ARGENTINA

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)
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1. THE RSO WAS VISITED ON 14 AND 19 MAY BY TWO GOA FEDERAL POLICE OFFICERS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE PROTECTIVE DETAIL FOR THE PRESIDENT OF ARGENTINA. ONE OFFICER IS CONNECTED WITH SECURITY MATTERS (INTELLIGENCE), THE SECOND OFFICER IS A DEMOLITION EXPERT. BOTH OFFICERS PROFESS A BACKGROUND OF DEALING WITH TERRORISTS IN ARGENTINA AND TO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN RECENT JUNGLE SWEEPS TO DESTROY TERRORIST ELEMENTS IN THE PROVINCE OF TUCUMAN. THE OFFICERS FURNISHED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS REPORT.

2. OVER THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS THE FORMATION OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION CALLING ITSELF THE RED BRIGADE OR THE RED BRIGADE OF WORKERS OR THE RED BRIGADE OF WORKERS POWER HAS BEEN UNCOVERED. THIS ORGANIZATION HAD ITS BIRTH IN THE PROVINCE OF CORDOBA PRINCIPALLY WITHIN THE CITY OF CORDOBA. IT IS COMPOSED OF MEMBERS OF OTHER TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HAVE SUFFERED AS A RESULT OF POLICE AND MILITARY ACTIVITIES. THESE ORGANIZATIONS ARE THE ERP, GUEVARA YOUTH (JUVENTUD GUEVARISTA), WORKERS POWER (PODER OBRERO). THE RED BRIGADE IS CONSIDERED TO BE THE MOST VIOLENT OF ALL TERRORIST MOVEMENTS TO EVOLVE FROM THE ARGENTINE POLITICAL SCENE. IT CAN BE EXPECTED THAT ACTIVITIES WILL BE MORE VICIOUS, MORE THOROUGHLY PLANNED, AND MORE DEVASTATING THAN THOSE WHICH HAVE BEEN OBSERVED

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IN THE PAST.

THE INTERVIEWEES WERE REQUESTED TO FURNISH STRENGTH FIGURES WITH RESPECT TO THE RED BRIGADE. THEY ADVISED THAT SUCH WAS NOT AVAILABLE SINCE THE UNIT HAD ITS COMPOSITION FROM OTHER TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS AND THERE WAS CURRENTLY NO WAY TO ARRIVE AT AN OVERALL STRENGTH FIGURE.

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